

The Daily Standard.

Wednesday, August 6, 1873.

The Railway Scandal.

Our Canadian files, brought by the North Pacific yesterday, are largely taken up with discussions relating to the Canada Pacific Railway scandal, which is every day becoming more and more scandalous. As may readily be imagined, a feeling of the most intense excitement prevails throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion, that portion of the press committed to the support of the Government doing its utmost to blacken the character of Mr. McMillen and to cast discredit upon his statements, while the Opposition press, led by the Montreal Herald, and the Toronto Globe, gloss over the exposures made by that gentleman, incriminating Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir Geo. E. Cartier, Sir Francis Hincks, and other leading Ministers, in relation to their connection with Sir Hugh Allan and his railway scheme. So directly has Mr. McMillen mixed up the names of these high functionaries of State with the high-handed acts of bribery and corruption of which Sir Hugh Allan has admitted himself to have been guilty, that nothing but a thorough investigation into all the facts bearing upon this deplorable case can possibly save the Ministry from utter ruin, and the good name of the Dominion from everlasting disgrace. We are gratified to observe that Sir John A. Macdonald and colleagues have manifested no desire to shrink from investigations, but rather court it, and have taken the steps necessary to secure it, by the appointment of a Commission under the broad seal of the Dominion to take evidence under oath, with a view to eliciting the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, in relation to this affair. We cannot say that we sympathize with those journals that denounce Mr. McMillen as a traitor, a liar, a rascal, anything but an honest man and a gentleman, for having exposed what, if true, brands more than one member of the Government with infamy. Unmeasured abuse of that kind neither makes Mr. McMillen worse nor the Ministry better. If Mr. McMillen is the unmitigated liar he is said to be, it will not be very difficult to prove that fact; but until the fact is proven, let judgment be suspended. That a prima facie case has been established against certain members of the Government, no one who reads the documents that have already been made public, can hesitate to admit. Nevertheless, they do not amount to positive proof of guilt, and so long as a doubt exists we are bound to give the benefit of that doubt to the accused. As public journalists, we are disposed to take no partisan view of this matter. We would nothing extenuate, nor ought set down in malice. It is, however, our duty to lay the facts before our readers, as they are developed on both sides, so that they may arrive at as nearly a correct conclusion as the circumstances will admit. With this object in view, we make a few extracts from published documents bearing upon the subject, as they appear in Eastern Canadian papers. It will be borne in mind that Sir Hugh Allan does not deny that in order to secure the charter for the railway he spent upwards of \$350,000, and who shared in these vast expenditures, is just what the public anxiously desire to know. In a lengthy letter published by Mr. McMillen, which purports to be his side of the story in full, he says, in reference to financial matters: "While at first Sir Hugh had announced that no money would be required for such purposes (i.e., the procuring of the charter) yet he soon professed to discover that it would be necessary to provide some aid in procuring the closing of the arrangements. He at one time announced to Mr. Smith and myself that the \$350,000, of which he speaks in one letter, had been lent to Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Francis Hincks, in sums of \$40,000 and \$50,000 respectively, with a view to good knowledge that it was never to be repaid. He also explained that the Finance Minister was taking a great deal of interest in the matter, and that he (Sir Hugh) had sounded him on the extent of his personal expectations, when it reached an assured conclusion. He said Sir Francis had replied that at his time of life an absolute payment would be preferable to a percentage of ultimate profits, and thought he should have to meet, in some way, such demands, if we expected to proceed, but that large amounts could not be disbursed on uncertainty. The statements of Mr. McMillen draw from Sir Francis Hincks a letter in his own hand, in which he says: "I solemnly declare that I never asked and never obtained, either by loan or gift, any sum of money from Sir Hugh Allan, or from any person on his behalf, or from any other person in connection with the Pacific Railway; that I never was sounded by Sir Hugh Allan as to my personal expectations, and never, directly or indirectly, asked or obtained any money in connection with the scheme. When Sir Hugh made a post for his son, Sir Francis says: "I never made any such demand, but I did on one occasion casually say to Sir Hugh Allan, as I had done to other friends, that if he happened to know of any employment for my son, I would be glad if he would bear him in mind." To this he says Sir Hugh replied, "No doubt when the Pacific Company was formed he would have no difficulty in finding him employment, and there the matter terminated." It would therefore appear from Sir Francis' own showing that Mr. McMillen's statement was not entirely made out of whole cloth, and that at least part relating to his son he got, as he says, from Sir Hugh Allan. Can it be that Sir Hugh deliberately lied about his friend, Sir Francis? Sir Francis goes on to say: "I desire to state, in conclusion, that the Canadian Government was never in any way party to any arrangement of Sir Hugh Allan and his American associates. * * * I further state most positively, that the Government never entered into any agreement to give the Pacific Railway charter for monetary considerations of any kind." So much for Sir Francis, and certainly it is hard to believe that what he says is deliberately false. But Mr. McMillen goes on to say: "A letter of \$50,000 was made on the American parties, April 1st, 1873, and the amount placed to the credit of Sir Hugh. He drew \$40,000, as follows: \$15,000 by check, dated May 2nd, 1873, and paid May 5th, 1873, and \$25,000 by check, dated May 2nd, 1873, and paid June 6th, 1873. The only explanation of this sum was the payment of \$4,000 to Le Monde newspaper, and \$3,000 each to three other French papers, whose names I cannot positively remember. \$6,000 to Attorney-General Outin, for aid rendered at Ottawa, and an indefinite loan of \$10,000 to Sir Francis Hincks. * * * In addition to the payments spoken of, Mr. Abbott was authorized to promise Mr. Langevin \$25,000 to aid in elections about Quebec, on condition of his friendly assistance, and Mr. Abbott reported that he had done so." The proprietors of Le Monde under oath declare, "that this paper has received no sum of money from Sir Hugh Allan, or from any one of his agents, and that no promise has been made to it, and that it has never supported Sir Hugh Allan in any of his schemes." Attorney-General Outin says, "I never by any means received any money from Sir Hugh Allan, nor from any person whom-

ever, the pretended sum of \$5,000, nor any other sum whatever, nor any promise of any such of money." Surely language could not be more positively explicit, and we must conclude that both the proprietors of Le Monde and Attorney-General Outin have been seriously misrepresented by some one. The facts, however, are bound to come out, as Sir Hugh's statements were compelled to show what he did with the \$50,000 placed to his credit by Mr. McMillen and his American friends. The following copies of documents appended to Mr. McMillen's letter, speak for themselves, and show what became of a portion at least of the \$35,000 disbursed by Sir Hugh Allan:

MONTREAL, Aug. 24, 1872.
DEAR MR. ABBOTT:
In the absence of Sir Hugh Allan, I shall be obliged by your supplying the Central Committee with a further sum of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS upon the same conditions as the amount written by me at the foot of my letter to Sir Hugh Allan, of the 30th ultimo.
Yours faithfully,
GEO. F. CARTIER.
P.S.—Please also send Sir John A. Macdonald TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS more on the same terms.

Received from Sir Hugh Allan by the hands of Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, for GENERAL ELECTION PURPOSES, to be arranged hereafter, according to the terms of the letter of Sir Geo. F. Cartier, of the date 30th July, and in accordance with the request contained in his letter of the 24th instant.
Montreal, 26th August, 1872.
(Signed) HENRY STANLEY,
P. S. MURPHY.

For Central Committee,
L. STROUDMAN.
Toronto, Aug. 26, 1872.
To the Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, St. Anne's (Immediate, Private).
I must have another ten thousand; will be the last time of calling; do not fail me; answer to-day.
JOHN A. MACDONALD.

MONTREAL, 26th Aug., 1872.
Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD, Toronto:
Draw on me for TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.
J. J. C. ABBOTT.

TORONTO, 26th August, 1872.
At eight p.m. to my order, at the Merchants' Bank, the sum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS for value received.
JOHN A. MACDONALD.

To Hon. J. J. C. ABBOTT.
This draft was endorsed thus:
Pay to the order of the Merchants' Bank of Canada.
JOHN A. MACDONALD.

New Advertisements.
MAGIC! MAGIC!
Professor Valentine
THE ONLY PUPIL OF THE CELEBRATED Robert Houdin and the acknowledged Master of his Profession, will give a series of entertainments, in Illusions, Necromancy, Magic, &c., at the

THEATRE ROYAL
Friday Evening, Aug. 8th.
The Professor is accompanied by his accomplished daughter
LA PETIT FAIRY,
Queen of Diablerie, and by a Little Boy Three Years Old, who will astonish him in his wonderful performance. Amongst these are several features, some of which are known as the

GREAT ELECTRIC CHAIN FEAT,
THE FAIRY'S DREAM, OR ANGEL'S WHISPER.
And the MARVEL OF MECCA invented and performed only by the Professor.

Admission—Bene Circle \$1; Parquette 75 cts; Pit 50 cts. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; Performance to commence at 8 o'clock.
For Sale,
SOME GOOD STAGHORN HORSES
adapted for light or heavy draught.
Apply to W. BAINES,
Flemington Farm.

Wanted
A FEMALE SEWING MACHINIST
at the Office of this Paper.
M. BAINES,
Flemington Farm.

Reward.
THE UNDERSIGNED WILL PAY A reward of \$10 for the return of his lost coat, the "Glean," which was taken from his premises on Friday, Thursday night last.
THOMAS C. JONES.

PUBLIC NOTICE.
I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that I will hold Courts of Revision under the provisions of "The Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1871," at the following places:

Court House, Cowichan, on Wednesday, 13th day of August, 1873, at 12 o'clock noon.
At the Office of Frederick Ford, Esq., Salt Spring Island, on Saturday, the 10th day of August, at 12 o'clock noon.
JOHN MORLEY, Registrar.

Maple Bay, July 28th, 1873.

THE ODD FELLOWS OF VICTORIA
WILL HOLD THEIR FIRST CELEBRATION

PICNIC
AT
HOLDEN'S HOTEL, ROSS BAY,
ON
Tuesday, August 12,
A SPACIOUS PLATFORM
Will be erected for the occasion and

HAYNES' QUADRILLE BAND
Will be in Attendance.
The Large and Commodious House and Grounds will be at the disposal of Pleasure-seekers.

NUMEROUS AMUSEMENTS
Will be introduced and various PRIZES distributed to the successful competitors.

PROF. VALENTINE.
The Greatest Magician in the World, will appear and perform New and Extraordinary Feats of Magic.

Ample provision will be made for all kinds of Refreshment, including Ice Cream, Confectionery, Luncheon, Dinner or Supper, 50 cents.

ADMISSION—Ladies and Children Free; Gentlemen \$1 per ticket.
Members of the Order can obtain Tickets at \$1 each.

Tickets to be had of Messrs. Dunster, Jamieson, Burleigh MacKenzie, Drummond and Vaughan, or at Holden's Hotel, Ross Bay.

New Advertisements.

IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE

OF
37,000 Acres
OF
GOVERNMENT LANDS.

SUITABLE FOR
FARMING PURPOSES.

J. P. DAVIES & CO.
Have received instructions from the
Hon. Robert Beaven.

Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works
TO SELL BY
PUBLIC AUCTION.

By Order of the Provincial Government
at the
LAND OFFICE, VICTORIA,
On Tuesday, 30 Sept. 1873,
AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON
On an Extended Credit.

The Undermentioned Sections in
NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT.

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